

January 20, 1984

LB 896, 723

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Newell. Senator Newell passes. There are no other lights on. Senator Marsh, do you wish to close? We are...Senator Marsh does not wish to add any more to this discussion so we are voting on LB 896. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Please vote if you desire. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR KAHLE: LB 896 is advanced. The next bill is LB 723.

CLERK: Mr. President, 723 offered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 4 of this year, referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. Mr. President, there are Public Health and Welfare Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members, inasmuch as the explanation of the bill is short, allow me to go into the explanation of the bill and then the committee amendment, if you please. The bill itself was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee at the request of the Department of Social Services. The bill was advanced from committee on a unanimous vote. This bill is intended as a medicaid cost containment measure. LB 723, if passed, will result in the automatic assignment to the Department of Social Services of medical support payments due to a medicaid applicant or a recipient from any third party. The third party could be, for example, an insurance company, an absent spouse under court order to provide medical support for a child. Benefits or payments assigned under this act could be paid directly to the Department of Social Services. If the medicaid applicant or the recipient